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(*d*) whether it is a fact that reports of the beating of convicts by warders were made to the Superintendent of the Jail and the Inspector-General of Prisons;

(*e*) if so, whether any action was taken by the authorities concerned on the said reports, and if not, why not;

(*f*) whether the Government propose to inquire into such cases of beating and take suitable action against its recurrence;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that when the Inspector-General of Prisons visited the Jail in September last, reports of cases of beating of convicts were reported to him by one A. Subbayya on behalf of the convicts;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector-General of Prisons replied that the convicts deserved no better treatment; and if not, what was the reply given by the Inspector-General of Prisons to the said A. Subbayya, and why?

*A.*—A report has been called for.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I enquire, Sir, why there are such inordinate delays in the receipt of reports upon such important matters?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"There is no delay at all. As a matter of fact, it is out of respect to my hon. Friend that I did not keep this question pending till I received final answer. I wanted to give the information which was in my power as early as possible."

Mr. C. SATYANARAYANA CHOUDARI:—"When does the hon. the Law Member expect to get the reply?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I cannot say."

*Alleged racial discrimination among convicts in the Madras Penitentiary.*

*264 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that racial discrimination is being shown between 'B' class Indian prisoners and 'C' class European and Anglo-Indian prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary in the matter of supply of cots;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that while the Superintendent refused to provide 'B' class Indian convicts with cots, he provided cots for 'C' class European and Anglo-Indian prisoners; and

(*c*) if so, what are the reasons for such differential treatment?

*A.*—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The information has been called for.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Has it been received since?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir."

*Alleged ill-health of prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary.*

*265 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary are suffering from diseases relating to the anus;

(*b*) what are the reasons; why the prisoners suffered from such diseases and whether the same have been investigated; and

(*c*) what action has been taken by the Superintendent or the Jail Doctor to cure the convicts of such diseases?

*A.*—The Government have no information. They will call for it.